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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BGEN, SA

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM BALL AGRICULTURE SYSTEMS

REF: STATE 182552

1. SAG MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER (MAW) WAS CONTACTED
RE INTEREST OF BALL SYSTEMS IN EXTENDING BID DATE.

2. MINISTRY OFFICIAL ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF REQUEST FROM
BALL SYSTEMS, AND STATED THAT A DECISION WILL MOST LIKELY
BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE MINISTRY'S OFFICE BY AUGUST 2. THE
MINISTRY WILL TELEX ITS DECISION DIRECTLY TO BALL.

3. FYI: SOURCE CLOSE TO MAW TOP OFFICIALS CONFIDED THAT
BALL IS A FRONTRUNNER FOR THIS CONTRACT. HOWEVER, REQUEST
FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF MONTH EXTENSION IS UNUSUAL
AND COULD CONCEIVABLE JEOPARDIZE THEIR POSITION. AUGUST 28
DATE IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE SINCE THIS IS FIRST DAY
OF RAMADAN, THE SEASON OF FASTING. OCTOBER 15 FALLS
IN PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING RAMADAN AND IS
BUSINEST TIME OF YEAR FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN THE KINGDOM.

4. SOURCE ADDED THAT HE WOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO AT
LEAST OBTAIN A COMPROMISE ON EXTENSION OF BID DATE
(E.G., SEPTEMBER 20).
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